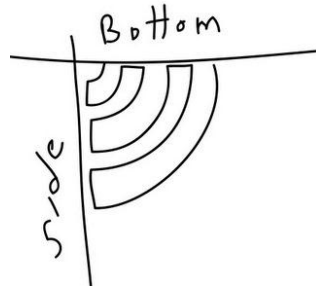
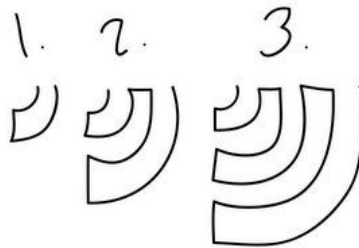


Freehand Baptist Fans by Machine

While I quilt my fans on a longarm, they can also be quilted on a domestic machine. I always quilt these upside down so my quilt is loaded **bottom first** on the longarm.



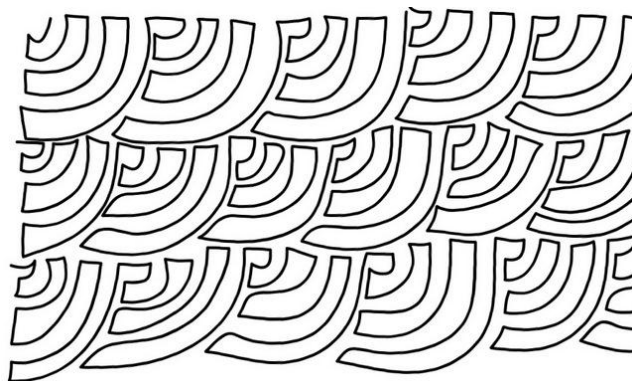
Most of the time, I quilt these in orderly rows across the quilt from edge to edge, moving left to right using 3 arcs.



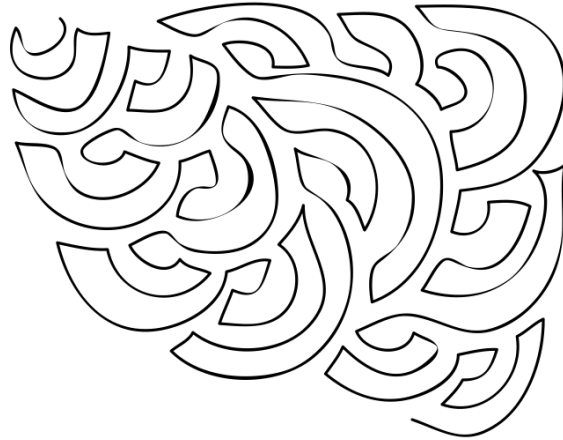
My quilting lines tend to be 1 to 1.25 inches apart although I don't worry that much about some variation. Allow about a 1/4 inch between the previous fan and follow the curve as you turn.



At the end of the row, secure your stitches and start the second row on the left side again, continue working your way down the quilt. Quilt partial arcs as needed to fill the space on the quilt edge.



Sometimes I do quilt these randomly across the quilt top. I still load the top bottom first and quilt the fans upside down but in this case I quilt as many arcs as I need to fill the space.



Keep in mind that the larger the arc, the harder it is to keep the line smooth so I tend to quilt 2 - 4 arcs and will quilt partial arcs when I need to change directions. The goal is to fill the space.

For more information on how I quilt these, see this blog post.

<http://blog.maryquilts.com/2009/03/18/baptist-fans-freehand-by-machine/>